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THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

While the President was in Europe last week he assured Chancellor Adenauer that America would stand firm in her commitments on Berlin and West Germany. There were other commendable sentiments uttered during his tour. This led some observers to wonder why all this could not be said from Washington. They speculated that maybe Mr. Eisenhower's trip had another not-so-noble purpose. Prime Minister Macmillan of Great Britain is facing an election this Fall. And it didn't hurt

his campaign to have the President pay him a visit. It is noted that Mr. Eisenhower spent one day in West Germany, one day in Paris, and nearly a full week in England.

As for the promise to make no concessions to Khrushchev on West Germany, I am sure the President meant what he said. But the words of political leaders sometimes turn out to have different meanings. Without detracting in any way from Mr. Eisenhower's sincerity, I cannot help recalling a statement made by

Franklin D. Roosevelt. He had just returned from the Yalta Conference. World War II had started over Polish independence. Now Roosevelt was telling Congress about Poland. He said: "Our object (at Yalta) was to create a strong, independent and prosperous nation with a government ultimately to be selected by the Polish people themselves," and he said this was agreed to "by Britain, by Russia and by me." Those were his words - fresh from a conference with Stalin in which Poland was secretly delivered to Red Russia!

One other point. Prior to his trip, Mr. Eisenhower let off steam because Harry Truman criticized his invitation to Boss Khrushchev. Of course, Mr. Truman might very well

have kept quiet on this subject. After all, it was he who once told us: "I like old Joe." He meant Joe Stalin.

However, Mr. Eisenhower said he was weary of criticism about the coming Khrushchev meetings, when, as he put it, he "was giving his last atom of energy for the whole human race." Now that's a very noble sentiment. But I think the President should be reminded that he was not elected President of the whole human race, but of the United States of America. And the interests of the whole human race - a great big chunk of which is under the thumb of the Butcher of Budapest - are not always the same as those of the American people.

THE LABOR MONOPOLY

The celebration of Labor Day is a good time to take a look at one of our most serious problems. It is called the problem of labor. But to be strictly accurate, it should be called the labor *monopoly* problem. I feel I can speak freely about this, because I have always been a defender of the rights of labor. And many years ago I spent a great deal of time

pointing out abuses by great corporations, including their monopoly practices. The American people became sufficiently alarmed to do something about the abuses of the corporation - so that it could be preserved as a valuable implement of a free-enterprise economy. But unless they become equally aroused about the abuses and monopoly power of the labor unions, the

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consequences for all Americans - including the union members - could be terrible.

Just imagine, if you can, the following situation. There are at least two dozen large steel companies, plus hundreds of smaller ones, in the United States. Suppose the head of the largest of all these companies decided one day that none of them was getting a high enough price for their product. Suppose he said to all the other steel companies: We have to teach our customers a lesson. Let's deprive them - and the American people - of steel for a few weeks or a few months. We'll all shut our plants down at the same time, throw all our workers out of jobs,

take a nice, long vacation. Then, when everybody runs short of steel, they'll be willing to pay any price we ask to get us to produce again.

Of course, such a thing is utterly fantastic. At the mere hint of such action, the steel-company leaders would face court proceedings and even jail terms under federal anti-trust laws and all sorts of state and local laws, to say nothing of the howl which would go up from the public.

But six times since the end of the Second World War, the steel industry in America has been shut down on the word of one man - the labor-union boss of the United Steelworkers Union. A single union leader literally has the power to close down, or keep open, several giant industries. For instance, the union contract with the aluminum industry expired at about the same time as the steel contract. The same union is in power in both industries. The union boss decided to put off contract negotiations with the aluminum companies until one month after the settlement of the steel strike.

What this means, essentially, is that the aluminum industry is operating, at the moment, by grace of a decis-

ion of a single union boss and, by the same token, the steel industry has not been operating. If that is not monopoly power carried to an almost unheard-of degree, then I do not know what it is.

I have used the steel union as an example because it has been currently in the news. But the same situation prevails in many other industries. The labor-union bosses - in a so-called free society - have the power of life and death not only over the operation of great and small industries, but over the well-being, the right to work, the very subsistence of millions of American workers. The

labor-union monopoly has now reached a point where its leaders can no longer claim they act only in the interest of their "downtrodden" members. The labor bosses are bidding for nothing less than stark, naked power. And they seek to achieve this power with subservient politicians who will do their bidding - who will eventually tie up the American system in so many socialist binders that it will gradually die. Then the government, in the person of the labor bosses' Charlie McCarthys, will take over. And we can then kiss our freedom - and abundance - goodbye.

STRANGULATION BY BOSSISM

There is no better example of this than Mr. James B. Carey's recent letter to members of Congress. Mr. Carey is the boss of a powerful union. The House voted for a bill which would correct certain labor abuses, but which actually did not touch the labor monopoly. Mr. Carey informed the members that he and his union would work to defeat them at the next election. On the same day that members of Congress got this threat from Mr. Carey, the

executive council of the AFL-CIO met and voted to refuse to have anything to do with Kremlin murderer Khrushchev when he comes here. There were a few dissenting votes from labor leaders who wanted to meet with Khrushchev. One was James B. Carey, and another was Mr. Walter Reuther.

As to the manner in which the labor bosses bleed for the welfare of their union members, think this over. The average steel worker has lost

wages averaging \$124 a week during nearly two months on strike. If the union bosses get the top wage rise they are demanding, the worker won't break even until he has worked *more than three years at the increased wage* - while the inflation caused by the

increase eats away at his wages. How long will it be before the American people - and especially the American working man - throws off this union-boss monopoly which is gradually strangling the worker and his fellow citizens to death?

- John T. Flynn

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 9/6/59

Book Review

UNDERSTANDING AN ENEMY

PROTRACTED CONFLICT by Robert Strausz-Hupé, William R. Kintner, James E. Dougherty, Alvin J. Cottrell, 203 pages, Harper, N. Y., \$3.95.

Why do the Kremlin leaders talk peace one day, and nuclear war the next? What do they mean when they plead for friendship with the United States in the morning, and denounce us as imperialist warmongers in the evening? Are these simply the ravings of power-mad dictators? Or is there a plan and a strategy behind it all?

This book attempts to answer these, and a great many other questions. Its four authors, under the leadership

of the Foreign Policy Research Institute, engaged in extensive research, interviews, and traveled far and wide in an effort to discover if there is a pattern to communist international strategy and, if there is, what forms the pattern.

They discovered that the West has been ineffective in dealing with the Reds because it fails to realize that the Soviet rulers, no matter who they are, operate on the theory that, as the German Clausewitz put it, "peace is merely a continuation of war by other means." In other words, when the Reds talk of "peace" and "friendship" and

"co-existence," the words have a meaning to them which is not known in our lexicon.

This book is a timely blueprint for understanding our enemy and his strategy. And it points out how, once we understand him, we can better counteract his strategy. The only defect in the book is an inclination to ascribe to

Soviet leaders an almost superhuman intelligence. After all, they too are human and subject to human frailties. But perhaps it is better to overestimate, rather than underestimate, your adversary - particularly one who is bent on making the world over in his own image.

- Rosalie Gordon

SLANTING THE BIBLE

"Many of those who should have been preaching the Historic Christian Faith have been doing their utmost to forward another religion, one which actually has little to distinguish it from the economic and social tenets of communism.

"As a student in one of the oldest and best known of American theological seminaries, a minister told me of his experience. He said that the professor of Old Testament was constantly talking about social reform and social change, until the students... asked if he couldn't give them some lessons on the Bible. 'All right,' the professor said, 'we'll study the Book of Exodus.' But it wasn't long before he was comparing the Israelites in Egypt to 'the oppressed working classes of

today,' comparing Moses to a labor leader, and saying that the deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian oppression was typical of deliverance from the whole capitalistic system.

"Many students were indoctrinated with this teaching. Churches desiring men who would preach to them the Gospel of salvation through Christ, often found themselves saddled with ministers who were propagandizing them to work and struggle for the complete change of our social system."

-from an address on
"Communism and the Historic Christian Faith" by Dr. Allan A. MacRae, President of Faith Theological Seminary.
(Full text available from the Seminary, Elkins Park, Philadelphia 17, Pa.).

CHOICE BETWEEN EVILS

"Granting the heartbreak and suffering caused by the depression, Americans during its worst phase remained better fed, better clothed, better housed, and better cared for than most people in Europe, almost all people in Asia, and, as I can testify from personal observation, incomparably better off than the overwhelming majority of the people of the Soviet Union, the supposed beneficiar-

ies of advanced state planning. The number of Americans out of work was hardly larger than the number of Soviet citizens who perished in the famine of 1932-33, plus those consigned to slave-labor camps. No one with a choice between these two evils would have been likely to opt for the second."

- William Henry Chamberlin
in *THE EVOLUTION OF A CONSERVATIVE*.

"Our ancestors willingly accepted privation to be free of government bondage. We willingly accept the yoke of government for the promise of a full belly and easy life. From us our children will inherit a cheapened remnant of freedom - along with the bill for our shortsighted selfishness."

- from the Brookville (Pa.) Jeffersonian Democrat

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